

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-6 and 8-34 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

SPECIFICATION

The specification stands objected to for certain informalities. Applicant(s) have amended the specification according to the Examiner's suggestions. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 4-6 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ronk ('407 patent) in view of Bansbach ('957 patent). This rejection is respectfully traversed. In particular, Applicants amendment to Claims 1 and 6 have overcome the basis for this rejection, with withdraw thereof respectfully requested.

DOUBLE PATENTING

The Examiner alleges that Claims 1-9 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting in view of Claims 1-47 of commonly-owned U.S. Patent No. 6,602,159. Likewise, a double patenting rejection stands for Claims 10-34 based on the combination of the claims from the '159 patent and U.S. Publication No. 2003-0190580-A1. These rejections are traversed in view of the terminal disclaimer provided herewith.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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